(2) Raising & strengthening of embankments—1378.40 Kms.

(3) Drainage channels—746.70 Kms.

(4) Bank/town protection works—371 Nos.

(5) Major sluices—74 Nos.

These works have provided protection to an area of 15.46 lakh ha. out of 31.50 lakh ha. assessed as flood prone in Assam.

The Brahmaputra Board constituted by Government of India is engaged in preparing a master plan for the control of floods and bank erosion and improvement of drainage in Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys with due regard to the development and utilisation of the water resources of the valley for irrigation, hydro-power, navigation and other beneficial purposes. The Brahmaputra Board has prepared the Master Plan Part-I for main stream of Brahmaputra and the same has been circulated by the Ministry of Water Resources to all concerned for comments. The master plan part-II for Barak Valley and its tributaries and part-III for tributaries of the Brahmaputa are under preparation.

Housing Project for Weaker Sections

682. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the low cost housing project for weaker sections and slums resettlement of SPES Bombay;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved this scheme;

(c) whether Government have any intention of adopting and implementing this scheme in other metropolitan cities; and

(d) if so, by when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) the project has been examined by Government of Maharashtra but not found acceptable.

(c) and (d) Housing being a State subject, the Housing schemes are formulated and implemented by State Governments/U.T. Administrations keeping in view their local requirements and plan priorities.

Bonus to the Employees of the Government of India Press, Aligarh

683. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bonus of only 18 days for the year 1985-86 has been paid to the employees of the Government of India Press, Aligarh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any bonus has been paid to the employees of the said Press for the year 1986-87 and if so, for how many days?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Productivity linked Bonus was granted to the employees of all Government of India Press including those of Government of India Press, Aligarh on the basis of productivity index of the year 1985-86 taking 1976-77 as the base year.

(c) Not yet.

Storage Capacity of FCI

684. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity of godowns available with the Food Corporation of India for storing foodgrains;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains procured by Government and the actual quantum of foodgrains stored in godowns during the last three years;

(c) the quantum and percentage of loss of foodgrains in storage and transport during the same period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to cut down such losses?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) As on 1-6-1987, the Food Corporation of India had a total covered capacity, both owned and hired, of 212.20 lakh tonnes. In addition, the Corporation had also a CAP (cover and plinth) capacity of 5.42 lakh tonnes (owned and hired).

(b) The quantity of foodgrains procured by the Government during the last 3 years is as follows:—

Crop Year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)
1984-85	204·21
1985-86 (Prov.) . . .	204·71
1986-87 (upo 24-7-1987)	170.03

The quantity of foodgrains stored in FCI godowns during the last 3 years is given below:—

Year (As on 1st January)	Quantity (in lakh) tonnes)
1985	176·35
1986	168·77
1987	164·49

(c) The details of the total loss (Stg. and Transit) are as under:—

(Qyt. in lakh tonnes)

Year	Turnover Purchase + Sales	Qty. of loss	% of loss to turnover
1983-84 .	319·00	6·74	2·11
1984-85 .	295·14	5·72	1·94
1985-86 . .	368·40	5·95	1·62

The accounts for the year 1986-87 are under finalisation.

(d) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce the losses such as enforcing 100 per cent weighment at the handing points of foodgrains to the extent possible, additional installation of weighbridges, stricter quality control at the time of purchase, better preservation, reduction in quantum of filling, machine stitching, effective supervision, surprise checks and construction/hiring of additional storage capacity.

Procurement of Foodgrains

685. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of foodgrains during the last three years;

(b) what was the procurement of foodgrains by Government agencies during the last three years; and

(c) what is the estimate of production of foodgrains during the current financial year and what is the target of procurement of foodgrains by the Government Agencies?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b):—

(in million tonnes)

Crop year	Production	Procurement by Public agencies
1983-84 . . .	152·37	17·07
1984-85 . . .	145·54	20·42
1985-86 . . . (Provilsional)	150·47	20·47

(c) During the 1986-87 crop year, the estimated foodgrains' production is 149 to 150 million tonnes. No procurement targets are fixed as wheat, paddy and coarsegrains are procured to extend price support.

Clearance of Narmada Basin Project

686. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared the Narmada Basin Project for execution despite stiff opposition from its own environment